STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2006

PART 4

Co-operation between health bodies and other organisations

Accountable officers' duties to protect the safety of patients and the general public

30.—(1) If the information shared by a responsible body under regulation 25 or 26 shows a concern about inappropriate or unsafe use of controlled drugs by a relevant person, the accountable officer of any designated body responsible for—

- (a) entering into any arrangements with the relevant person; or
- (b) entering into any arrangements with any other person or body, under which the relevant person provides or may provide services,

that has possession or control of that information may make recommendations to any responsible body (including, where appropriate, his own designated body) as to any action which the accountable officer considers that the responsible body should take to protect the safety of patients or the general public.

(2) If the concern relates to a relevant person who is not providing services to, or under arrangements that another person or body has with, a designated body, the accountable officer leading the local intelligence network for any area in which the relevant person lives or provides services must—

- (a) seek to take reasonable steps to protect the safety of patients or the general public; and
- (b) where appropriate, refer the matter to a relevant responsible body (for example, a regulatory body or a police force).